For Immediate Release

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Jackson, MS – Governor Ronnie Musgrove released the following statement today after a suspicious package containing powder was opened in a Senate office:

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"Every attempt is made to provide security for individuals within state office buildings. Today, a package was received and opened, and there was some concern as to its validity. The Capitol Police were notified, and the protocol established in recent weeks was followed. It has been taken for testing by the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Health, and the results will be made available as soon as possible."